

Payment adequacy assessment: Inpatient rehabilitation facilities

ISSUE: Are payments for inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) adequate? How should payments for fiscal year 2009 be updated?

KEY POINTS: We review data on the following factors to determine whether payments for IRFs in fiscal year 2007 are adequate:

- supply of facilities
- volume of services and access to care
- quality
- access to capital
- payments and costs

We then examine how costs are likely to change in 2008 and present a draft recommendation.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss and then vote on the draft recommendation.

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